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MEMORANDUM FOR: DA/A

SUBJECT: Foreign Personnel

1. It is our present practice to pay for the transportation of personal effects and personal automobiles of people we send abroad.

2. Insofar as furniture is concerned, it is not provided to transport it from the U.S. to Europe and back again in two years. No private individual going abroad for a few years would think of transporting his household furniture as it would be much cheaper to sell it or store it and acquire furniture abroad. It would be infinitely more economical for the Agency to own furniture and pass it on from family to family as personnel abroad changes. The cost of rehabilitation from time to time would be much less than the present cost of hauling after the furniture arrives overseas.

3. With respect to automobiles, the case is not as clear but in practically no country in Europe do families with income comparable to most of our grades own automobiles and, in most cases, I doubt if this should be an Agency obligation. Bear in mind that we do furnish staff cars for the use of the employees whenever it is needed and that our standards in this respect are very generous.

4. I think a study of this problem would be justified.

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